

REMARKS

With reference to the Office Action beginning on page 2 thereof, formal drawings have been submitted herewith to overcome the noted objections.

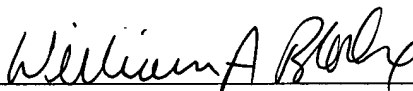
The Abstract has been replaced by a new Abstract that meets the word count requirements of the MPEP.

Minor changes have been made to claims 11 and 32 to correct the noted informalities.

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 20, respectively. Claims 2 and 20 have been canceled, while claims 3 and 21 have been amended to make them dependent on claim 1 and 19, respectively. Finally, claims 3 and 6 have been amended to make them consistent with the changes in claims 1 and 19, respectively.

Since it is indicated in the Office Action that claims 2-8 and 20-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims render all of the claims allowable, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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